

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 2 APRIL

TOURNAMENTS

- 7 Cromwell Open 8B Pairs – Lowburn Hall. Morning tea 9.30 am. Start 10.00 am. \$35 – midday meal plus something light after play. Entries close 4th April at Club or online otagosouthlandbridge.org.nz/cromwell
- 8 Cromwell 8B Teams – Catholic Church Hall, Sligo Street, Cromwell. 9.30 am morning team, start 10.00 am. \$25. Bring your lunch. Afternoon tea at conclusion. Entries as above.

- 8 (Sunday) Dunedin and Toroa LIONS CHARITY PAIRS at Otago, supporting Camp Quality for Children living with Cancer. Start time 1.30 pm. \$10 (includes 5 raffle tickets), afternoon tea, Prizes awarded to two top pairs and top Junior Pair. Bar open at end of play.

Only 5½ tables have entered for this event so far!! Come on Otago!!! We can do better than that!!!! It's a great afternoon out whether you are a gun bridge player or a novice – an everything in between ... and for such a worthy cause. Lovely afternoon tea, lots of great raffle prizes. Grab your favourite partner or partner up someone from another Division and enter. Or reply to this email and enter. If you haven't entered and you decide that you can come on the day, just turn up – another few pairs won't matter, as I am sure the catering team will have provided for 20 or so tables. The more the merrier. Dennis McCaughan will be your director, with Jen Macartney leading her band of helpers.

- 14 Winton Open 5A Teams: Morning tea 9.30 am, Start play 10.00 am, Bring your own lunch. Supper end of play. \$20. Entries close at the end of 10th April 2018.
- 15 Winter Intermediate 5B Teams: Morning tea 9.30 am, Start play 10.00 am, Bring your own lunch. Supper end of play. \$20. Entries close at the end of 10th April 2018.
- 15 Waimate All Grades Open 8B Pairs

SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE will be held on 7 April. Please register for the meal on one of the notices at the club. Meal at \$7 is good value and is served at 6.00 pm. Bridge at the usual Table Money of \$6 starts at 7.00 pm.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We are pleased to report to Members that the Club is now the owner of the land on which the club rooms are situated. All the required payments have been made and the final transactions were completed over the past week, with the actual transfer happening on Wednesday March 29.

Sources of funds towards the total cost of \$651,500 have been:

- \$364,000 in loans from Members
- \$70,000 as a grant from the Otago Community Trust
- \$66,867 in Member donations
- \$150,633 from cash reserves

Because no bank funding has been needed, the Club is still mortgage-free but the Member loans are to be repaid over the next 15 years and will require the Club to continue to operate with a strong membership base and activity level. We appreciate the sacrifices Members have made through their contributions that will help secure the Otago Bridge Club's future with its own premises on its own land. We would still appreciate any donations towards the project that would help reduce the interest costs to be paid, so please advise any committee member if you could contribute in this way.

The land purchase has been a major undertaking that has involved many people over a long period of time. This current negotiation started in November 2015 but there have been previous attempts

over the years that haven't succeeded. Thank you to all Members who have contributed in some way to reach this point, which is another milestone in the Cub's history.

Regards

Paul Hudson, President

HEALTH and SAFETY – TRAINING THIS WEEK.

Dear Directors, Conveners (mandatory) and any other interested members;

I'm sorry for the short notice but this really needed to be done in March.

Defibrillator Updates will be provided by Workplace First Aid and Training (aka Phil Hudson) on

Thursday 5th April at 6 pm (before bridge) and

Friday 6th April at 3 pm (after bridge)

The training will take approximately one hour for those updating and possibly a bit longer on the Friday session for those new to the Defibrillator.

Thanks, Margaret Harraway.

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SEMINAR

The next lecture will be on Monday 16 April and the topic will be on a more advanced topic - the Lebensohl convention. 7.10-9.00 pm.

SOCIAL CONVENOR

Kathleen Dixon has been our Social Convenor for many years, but unfortunately due to ill-health has requested that she step down from this position and we require a replacement. If you feel that this is a way you could help out then please reply to this email. The position involves keeping the kitchen supplied with tea, coffee, sugar, cups, etc and keeping the various containers filled. A visit to the wholesalers once a month is required and you would need a vehicle. Tea towels need to be taken home to wash, and Kathleen has also washed the cloths on the Bridge tables every so often. Thank you Kathleen for all the work you have done for the Club over the years. We are certainly fortunate to have had your services for so long. The Club recognised Kathleen's contribution some time ago by awarding her Honorary Membership.

L A W S O F B R I D G E

UNINTENDED CALL, LOSS OF CONCENTRATION

If you have a lovely heart opening hand with a void in spades you sometimes find to your horror that you have written down 1S. Call the director, this is obviously an *unintended* call and you will be allowed to change it as long as your partner has not yet spoken. Sometimes you only realise you have written down the wrong thing when LHO asks a question or partner alerts your bid. You will still be allowed to change. But if you make the wrong call because you have not been paying attention or have lost concentration you will not be allowed to change. Eg: 1H - 1S -2S-P -P! You carelessly thought that your partner was giving you a minimum raise and did not notice that it was a cue bid. Too bad – you should have been paying attention . This is laid out quite clearly in the 2017 laws – up to now I would have ruled this to be inadvertent.

Notice Calling for Expressions of Interest

Trustees - NZ Bridge Foundation

28th March 2018

NZ Bridge, in conjunction with the Trustees of the NZ Bridge Foundation, is looking to increase the number of Trustees supporting the Foundation and invites expressions of interest from interested parties.

The Foundation, which has “charity” status, was established in 2010 by NZ Bridge with an initial investment portfolio from the Dan Gifford Fund. The Trustees are charged with managing and growing the investment portfolio and managing the grants process. The Trustees are supported by a Secretary/Treasurer appointed by the Board.

The Board has identified that it would be helpful for applicants to have skills, experience or an interest in the following areas:

- Financial management and investment strategy
- Assessing and approving Grant applications from the wider bridge community
- Fundraising including seeking bequests and donations
- Promotion and Marketing
- Increasing the Foundation's profile among the bridge community

Expressions of interest, including a brief and relevant CV, should be sent by email to: The Secretary of NZ Bridge (secretary@nzbridge.co.nz) no later than the close of business on 30 April 2018.

MEMBERSHIP

Mary Taylor has been granted E-W seating rights

Pauline Hockney's new telephone number is 454 6666

CONGRATULATIONS

FRIDAY BRIDGE HANDICAP

- 1st Marjo Prent
2nd Judith Hinton
3rd = Denise Carter and Lorraine Peacock

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- 21 Alexandra Open Graded 8B Pairs. Sunderland Street, Clyde. \$20 may be paid online to 02-0916-0044863-00. Morning tea at 9.00 am. Start 9.30 am. BYO Lunch. After play light snack. Entries close 16 April. Email Julie Day at kelso90@hotmail.com or on-line registration is available
- 29 **OTAGO 3B JUNIOR PAIRS.** One tournament run over two days. Second day 22 July. Both days \$20 (one day \$10). Start time 1.00 pm. Afternoon tea and hot drinks provided. Please enter online. Closing date 27 April.

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12/13 Otago-Southland Inter-Provincial Trials -Otago

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NZ BRIDGE SOCIAL MEDIA – BEST PRACTICES has been updated recently. This document is on the Notice Board and should be read by all who use Twitter, Facebook, Texting, Blogs, You Tube, Instagram.

LOST

Has anyone picked up a set of Hyundai car keys on a Cooke Howlison key ring from the Cargill Room on Wednesday 4 April at Women's Pairs??? Please search through your bag if you were there that day. If found, return to the Convenor, Diane Daly, who will restore them to the rightful owner.

GARDENS

Bev Ross spends a lot of time keeping our gardens tidy. However she is not tall enough to do some of the work and would like someone with loppers who would be prepared to cut back some of the taller trees and shrubs. Please give Bev a call on 455 8800 if this sounds like you.

Haven't the Belladonna Lilies been magnificent this year – outside the east side of the Larnach Room? They are fading now, but thank you to Ruth Matthews who gave these bulbs to the Club many years ago as they continue to give people joy at this time of the year.

CHANGE TO PROGRAMME BOOK

Please change the name of the JUNIOR CONVENOR on P 5 of your book to Fraser Reynolds. Thank you Fraser, for taking over this position.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME to Deidre Bruce, who has been nominated to join our Club. Deidre will be playing in the Junior division and also plays at the Taieri Club. Phone 027 391 3266.

RESIGNATIONS – John Matthews and Neil Rodgers have decided to take a year out from Bridge but hope to be back in 2019. Bill Hodgson has resigned and we do thank these people for their support of the Club.

LAW S OF BRIDGE

INSUFFICIENT BID

When you make an insufficient bid LHO opponent may choose to accept the bid after hearing all the options which are open to you. If you correct the insufficient bid with the lowest call specifying the same denomination as the insufficient bid, everything goes on as usual - even if the bid is quite different! Eg 1S *IH* - you may correct to 2H but also 1NT – 2S – 2D (transfer) may be corrected to 3H as this is what the 2D bid showed. This is now known as a *comparable call*.

Similarly you may correct the insufficient bid with another bid if it has the same or a more specific meaning eg 1C 1S *IH* may be corrected to 1C 1S *X* if you play that a negative double guarantees the other major. And if you reply to a 4NT Ace ask with 4H you will be allowed to correct to either 5H if you intended to show 2 Aces or 5D if you intended to show one. The director will frequently have to ask you to leave the table to discuss the intention of your insufficient bid, and will be able to advise you on what bids, if any, you may make without penalty.

If there is no available comparable bid you can make, and you do not necessarily want to make your bid sufficient (now that you have realised it is at a higher level) or you think perhaps with the opposition bidding you might be wiser to jump to game you may do anything you like – pass, bid a completely different suit, jump to game or slam – *but* your partner will now be debarred from the auction. LHO must decide, after hearing the options open to you, but not your actual decision, whether or not to accept the insufficient bid.

Should you accept an insufficient bid? Not usually if you and your partner are not in the auction. But if you are interested in bidding it may be to your advantage to accept the bid if you can now bid at a lower level. 1D 1S 1H – if you accept this you can bid 1S to show support for your partner but

not many points, or 2S jumping to suggest game but still being at the two level! And if you do not accept the bid the offender may choose to jump to game – his/her partner will not be able to speak again but it might now be difficult for you too.

CONGRATULATIONS

CROMWELL PAIRS

2nd Paul Freeland and Margaret Perley

LIONS CLUB CAMP QUALITY PAIRS

You all certainly got going for this event in the end. Thank you so very much from the organisers. There were 25 tables – a record for recent years! \$1,250 was raised for Camp Quality in Queenstown for children living with Cancer. Thank you Jen, Dennis and the Toroa Lions Club for a great day.

PRIZEWINNERS

North-South

1st Phil Gillen and David Green

2nd Lorraine Peacock and Denise Carter

East-West

1st Mary O'Neill and Dorothy Butterfield

2nd Maria Godfrey and John Sheehy

Best Intermediate Pair

Alison Paterson and Sue More

Best Junior Pair

Colleen Fletcher and Alan Lewthwaite

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IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE SEMINAR on Lebensohl convention this Monday 16 April 7.10 pm.

LAW S O F B R I D G E

BIDS AND CALLS OUT OF ROTATION

The rules vary here depending on whether it is a pass or a bid, and on whose turn it really was to

Speak when the call out of rotation was made. The director will explain the applicable rules which have now been simplified. The next opponent to speak may always accept the call but if not - if you pass at RHO's turn to speak you just repeat the pass on your next turn.

If you pass at LHO or partner's turn, if you have not previously spoken, partner may make any legal call and so may you, as long as the meaning is comparable, eg if partner opens a game force, you may make a negative or a relay response as this is comparable to your (presumably) 0-10ish point initial pass.

Similarly, if you make a bid out of rotation, if it is not accepted, if it is at RHO's turn to call, if you can repeat the same call, or if you can make a comparable call, all goes on as usual. If you cannot make a comparable call, partner must pass when next it is his turn to call (but if the auction continues, you may speak after that).

If the call out of rotation is at LHO or partner's turn, if you have not previously called, partner may make any legal call as may you. If your call is however not comparable to the call you made out of rotation, partner must then pass at his *next* turn. You will not usually be able to double but there are some occasions when this would be a comparable bid.

If you cannot make a comparable call you may decide to jump to a game because your partner will have to pass next time. Realising that offender may make a jump to game will help opponents decide whether or not to accept the call out of rotation. Since the bidding will revert to the correct player if it is not accepted the non-offending side will get at least one call in first.

CONGRATULATIONS

CROMWELL OPEN TEAMS – 8 April

2nd Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley, Murat Genc and Christ Ackerley

WINTON OPEN TEAMS – 14 APRIL

1st Paul Freeland, Margaret Perley, Chris Ackerley, Arleen Schwartz

2nd Kristen Collins, Donna Ruwhiu, Nik Mitchell, Brad Johnston

CLUB EASTER PAIRS

JUNIOR

1st Gaye Lester and Fraser Reynolds

2nd Barbara Galland and Rochelle Palmay

3rd Deidre Bruce and Janis Tizard

INTERMEDIATE

1st Yvonne Walsh and Jenny Clifton

2nd Maureen O'Dea and George Friedlander

3rd Allan Lockhart and Kate Aisi

SENIOR

1st Glenys Shum and Anne Hudson-Ramage

2nd Graham Mitchell and Peter Pfeifer

3rd Judith McKinlay and Joc Parkes

OPEN

1st Kevin Farnden and Lorraine Peacock

2nd Christiaan Prent and Judith Smeijers

3rd Bernadette Van der Lem and Tim Moore

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 23 APRIL

TOURNAMENTS

29 OTAGO 3B JUNIOR PAIRS. One tournament run over two days. Second day 22 July. Both days \$20 (one day \$10). Start time 1.00 pm. Afternoon tea and hot drinks provided. Please enter online. ENTRIES CLOSE THIS FRIDAY – only seven pairs have entered so far, so do think about it if you are rated a Junior player. You will enjoy it!!

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12/13 Otago-Southland Inter-Provincial Trials -Otago

READ THIS! GREAT NEWS!!

Brad Johnston and Nik Mitchell have been chosen, along with two young Asian boys from Auckland, to represent NZ in the World Youth Teams Championships in Wujiang, near Shanghai, in August.

Well done boys, and also a pat on the back for our club which is still keeping up the tradition of producing good young players. Only Auckland is doing the same and they are much bigger!

The next **SATURDAY NIGHT BRIDGE** will be on the night of 5th May.

APPRECIATION:

We send out a huge thank you to Kathleen Dickson for her many years of wonderful service to the Club as Social Convenor. No-one came forward to take over the full job and it was decided to split the position into three. The club thanks these members who have offered themselves as volunteers:

Murray Barron - purchasing kitchen and cleaning supplies

Anne Hudson-Ramage – laundering of tea towels

Robyn Hawkesby – laundering the playing table cloths

Jan Munden – who will take over any of the above if people are away

GARDENS

We are still looking for a volunteer to help Bev Ross in the garden. It would require a willing person to come in twice a year to prune the higher trees and shrubs. If this sounds like you, even for just this year, then please get in touch with the President, Paul Hudson, Phone 472 8945 or email HUDSONPAUL64@gmail.com

LAW S OF BRIDGE

BIDDING PADS AND EXPLANATION OF CALLS

Not every country uses bidding pads, most use bidding boxes. Once upon a time bidding was spoken, and many will remember the forceful double from someone who is doubling for penalty rather than take out, or the 4C on a rising intonation when it is an ace ask not a suit! NZBridge lays down the rules for the use of bidding pads, but these are based on the actual rules of bidding. For example, Law21 allows for changes of call based on misinformation, and NZBridge says that illegible handwriting is misinformation. Certainly a bid seen from the side or upside down often looks different if written carelessly.

Laws 20 and 41 talk about reviewing calls. During the auction you may ask the meaning of a call at

your turn to speak, or when the auction has ended and the opening lead has been made but not turned over, or throughout the play at your turn to play. Players should give a full explanation but if they do not seem to be doing so or use terms you do not understand. call the director for help.

If you are not intending to enter the auction you should not ask about the bidding during the auction. If your opponents are playing a very artificial system with lots of alerts it is often wise to wait until the auction is over and then ask each in turn what partner has shown.

You are entitled to have all calls restated during the auction– but with bidding pads there they are. This option ceases when the auction has ended and after each person's first turn to play. Declarer's first turn to play is when playing from dummy. When the opening leader's partner has played the bidding pad must be turned over as a full review of the auction is no longer permitted. You may still ask what the contract is and whether or not it is doubled at your turn to play – just not have a full review.